

## Public Release January 16, 2019 – Hit & Run (Town Employee/Vehicle)

On Saturday, 01/12/2019, at approximately 2058 hours, Officer Spencer White #1710, of the Cheverly Police Department, was dispatched to the area of 63rd Avenue and Inwood Street for the report of a hit and run collision. Upon arrival, Officer White met with the complainant and witness who informed him that an unknown snow plow truck struck a parked, unattended, 2008 Scion TC, and fled the scene without attempting to locate the owner of the Scion, or provide any insurance, registration, or license information.

Officer White identified the owner and took an accident report for the Scion.

On 01/15/2019, at approximately 1900 hours, Chief Jarod Towers #1682, made contact with the witness. The witness informed Chief Towers that he observed a round seal on the door of the snow plow truck, consistent with that which is located on Town of Cheverly Public Works Department's trucks. Further investigation revealed a video of the incident, captured by a home security camera. The video, captured at approximately 1830 hours on 01/12/2019, identified a Town of Cheverly Public Works' plow truck striking the victim's Scion before backing away from the impact and driving off.

On 01/16/2019, at approximately 1215 hours, Chief Towers contacted the Town of Cheverly Public Works Department and requested the suspected driver respond to the Cheverly Police Department for questioning. The suspect was advised of his Miranda Rights, and elected to answer questions without an attorney. During questioning, the suspect advised that he struck the Scion and stated that he did not report it for fear of losing his job. The suspect stated that he did not report the incident to anyone, did not make any attempt to locate the owner of the vehicle, or leave any information on the unattended vehicle.

On Wednesday, 01/16/2019, at approximately 1500 hours, the suspect was arrested, transported from the Cheverly Police Department to District I, Regional Processing, and charged with the following:

- 1) TA 20 103 (a) Failure of vehicle driver in accident to stop after unattended vehicle damage accident.
- 2) TA 20 103 (b) Failure of vehicle driver in accident to locate and notify owner of unattended vehicle of damage.
- 3) TA 20 103 (c) Failure of veh. driver to furnish required written identifying information on unattended damaged vehicle.